



# Craighead Early Years Centre



Winter Newsletter



## Welcome Back

We were met with smiling, happy faces on Monday morning — the children and staff are happy to be back after the October break.



## Drop off/Pick up Arrangements

We would like to gently remind you that physical distancing must be observed between staff and family members. Please ensure that all family members remain at the bottom of the ramp and only children come up (if you have to buzz, please do so and return to the bottom of the ramp). If a member of staff wants to speak to you, they will invite you over towards the gate, please stand at the edge of the green matting and staff will step back to ensure a 2 metre distance is in place.

## Connecting with Families

As you know, our opportunities to connect with you are very different this year. Like you, we are disappointed that our Stay and Play sessions and Care and Learning Meetings could not happen as they usually do. However, we did very much appreciate the chance to chat with each family over the phone, getting the opportunity to share and hear all about each child's nursery experience. We have also missed having you in for a wee look around - this time last year, we were hosting our Craighead EYC Art Gallery :-). The benefit of these events is twofold - it gives families the chance to visit nursery and provides us with some much appreciated fundraising. We are trying to be creative and work around the challenges we face...we are in the process of creating a video to give you a 'walk around' nursery. We are also hoping to create an outdoor gallery to showcase some special creations of ours that you will be able to buy for a small donation! We hope to share some more information about that soon, watch this space...



## Staffing



Two new staff members have joined our team since our last newsletter. We warmly welcome them to the CEYC family.



**Julie**

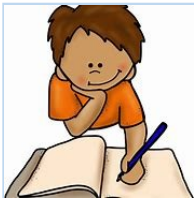


**Lynsey**



## Privacy Notice

During your child's time at Craighead EYC, we will ask you to provide us with all the information we require to keep your child safe. This information will be stored securely and shared with those involved in your child's care and learning. Please ensure that you inform us of any changes in order that information stored can be kept up to date.



## Reading and Creating Stories

As part of our learning this term, we are celebrating reading and creating stories. This month we are looking at the Funnybones collection written by Allan Ahlberg. Next month, we will cosy down with some Jill Murphy stories and in December, our focus will be on Christmas related stories. We have a special area in nursery, where we can read, tell and act out our favourites parts of the stories.

## Contacting Us

We now have a direct phone number to allow you to contact us with any queries or to inform us if your child is poorly and won't be attending. If we've not heard from you by 9.30am, a member of the team will give you a call to ensure everything is ok.



Telephone number: 0141 955 2272



## Independence

The children are becoming very independent and developing good self help skills as they get more practice at getting shoes and jackets on and off. We want them to share this success at home too, please encourage them to be independent with shoes and jackets to continue to develop these skills and to show you how well they are doing. To help us with this, we ask for your support with a few things:

- Please ensure that children wear shoes that they can put on and take off by themselves. Shoes with laces, buckles and tight shoes that are tricky to get into prevent the children from being independent.
- Please ensure that your child's name/initials are on labels and inside shoes/wellies. We already have a growing collection of clothing that the children don't recognise. We know how expensive it is to replace clothing so names on labels would really help us to make sure all clothing is returned to you.



## Halloween

We are very excited about our Halloween celebrations this month. In the lead up to our party, we will have some messy play, rhymes and stories linked to Halloween. On Friday 30th, we will have our party where children are invited to come to nursery in fancy dress, we will have some fun party games and a tasty snack. Please limit all fancy dress to clothes only, leaving all accessories at home - this will ensure that nothing is lost and help the children not to touch any additional items at this time.



## Christmas

Discussions between the staff have already started...in fact, the official Christmas Fairy has already been chosen (she actually volunteered as anything sparkly and glam is Natalie's favourite thing!). We are hoping to create some online Christmas celebrations for you to share in...we will update you with more information nearer the time.





## Treat Fund

Following on from discussions with many families, we would like to confirm payment details:

- Children attending 5 sessions pay £2 per week, £26 for the term or one annual payment of £78

Due to current restrictions, we request that payments are made termly, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name. Please hand your envelope to a member of staff when you drop your child off and we will forward it to the office.

Treat fund is asked for as a contribution towards paying for the children's healthy daily snack, special celebrations, visitors etc. These photos give a flavour of some of the things our Treat Fund allows us to offer the children. We are very grateful for parents paying this contribution as we would not be able to offer the children these fantastic opportunities without it. Many thanks for your continued support!



## Thank You...

...for your continued support. We are happy to help with any query you have, please just speak to a member of our team.

